

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL.

New York, February 1.

Money closed at 3/4 per cent, but at times the market was decidedly active and 5 per cent, plus a commission, was paid for loans.

Exchange steady at 4 3/8 @ 90.

Government bonds closed strong and higher.

Currency 6 1/2 @ 120 bid.

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THE STOCK MARKET.

STOCKS.

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The stock market opened higher on the improved financial reports from Europe with an average advance of 4 1/2 per cent in the leading stock. The improvement established in most of the general market was lost before noon to-day and at 12:30 the tendency was downward.

The stock market to-day was only moderately active and with the exception of a few periods of weakness was strong and advanced.

The Northwestern shares were the features of the day and closed at an advance of 5 per cent for the common and 4 for the preferred.

The advance in these shares attracted much attention and various reports were ascribed to them, being reported that some dividends were imminent and some of the leading dealers were short and some of the bulls were buying them, and that Vanderbilt was selling New York Central and Lake Shore and buying Northwestern.

None of these reports, however, could be authenticated. The advance in the general list ranged from 1/8 to 1/2 per cent.

The specialties in which dealings were very limited closed 1/4 per cent higher.

The following are the closing bids:

Amer. Dist. 31 M. P. 102 1/2

A. T. & T. 38 1/2 N. C. 130 1/2

Prefer. 84 N. J. C. 143 1/2

Boston, pfd. 64 N. Pac. 143 1/2

C. S. 32 1/2 Preferred 72 1/2

C. & O. 19 1/2 Nor. & W. pfd. 55 1/2

C. P. 88 1/2 Northwestern 143 1/2

Col. Ind. 32 1/2 O. & N. 143 1/2

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